

# TreeLink News Bulletin

## In the works



Sugar Maple  
*Acer saccharum*

The sugar maple has palmately lobed leaves with the largest three (of five) showing few prominent teeth. The roughly five by five inch leaves turn yellow to orange in autumn. With smooth gray bark and yellow-green flowers, the sugar maple is abundant in rich woods. A native to Eastern North America, the sap of the sugar maple is processed into maple syrup.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**  
Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

It seems that just as summer arrived this year we are starting to see the leaves start to change colors! But at least we can look forward to planting new trees and shrubs next month...time to finish up those plans! I am very happy to be aboard as the new Community Assistance Forester, and am really looking forward to working with many of you in the near future. I spent last week at the National Urban Forestry Conference, and left very encouraged about the commitment the people of Washington State and the nation are showing toward our urban forests. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. I look forward to meeting many of you at the PNW-ISA Training Conference in Tacoma. -Sarah

## PNW-ISA "Gets to the Point!" in Tacoma

The International Society of Arboriculture's Pacific Northwest Chapter is celebrating their 20th Anniversary September 19-22, in Tacoma at their Annual Training Conference. The Conference is being held at Point Defiance Park and the Tacoma Convention Center. This year's event promises to be one of the best ever, with interesting speakers, good food, and special events. More detailed conference information, schedule of events, and registration forms can be obtained from PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285.

## Labor and Industries to Adopt Tree Care Standards

Over the last couple of months representatives of Washington State Labor and Industries (L&I), International Society of Arboriculture, and Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program have been meeting to discuss concerns regarding safety practices and standards in the tree care industry. Up until now, there has been no accepted safety standards for L&I inspectors when they encountered tree care professionals at work. The lack of an accepted safety standard resulted in confusion on the part of the inspectors, as well as the tree care workers. L&I inspectors will continue to enforce the safe-workplace standard referenced in WAC 296-24 part A-1 and A-2, but now they will also consult American National Safety Institute (ANSI) Z-133.1-1994 to identify industry specific hazards not previously covered. Safety is the most important issue in this field, and the ANSI standard was created to provide safety rules and regulations for tree care professionals. Please review ANSI Z-133.1; those in compliance will also be fulfilling the safety obligations covered by the WAC. In cases where overlapping work processes exist (i.e., logging or removing sidewalks for stump removal) the L&I inspector will make a determination as to what industry specific standards apply. Copies of the ANSI Z-133 standards can be obtained by calling 1-800-523-TREE or emailing [urban\\_forestry@wadnr.gov](mailto:urban_forestry@wadnr.gov)

## Grants Available from the EPA

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting proposals for Sustainable Development Challenge Grants (SDCG). The SDCG program supports community-based efforts to invest in sustainable futures that link environmental protection, economic prosperity and community well-being. Grants range from \$30,000 to \$250,000 and proposals must be postmarked by September 29, 1999. For more information, check their website: [www.epa.gov/ecocommunity/sdcg/](http://www.epa.gov/ecocommunity/sdcg/)

## 2000 National Arbor Day Award Nominations Due

The National Arbor Day Foundation is requesting entries for their 1999 National Arbor Day Awards. The competition is open to all individuals, organizations, corporations, and institutions whose work has set an example for excellence. The National Arbor Day Foundation annually recognizes outstanding accomplishments in tree planting, care, conservation and environmental stewardship. All entries for awards must be received by October 15, 1999. For more information on the awards, entry procedure, or forms...please call the Awards Coordinator at (402) 474-5655 or the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

## Arbor Day Poster Contest!

Also in preparation for Arbor Day 2000, the materials for the 5th grade poster contest will be sent out soon. This year's theme is "Trees are Terrific...in All Shapes and Sizes!" Any 5th grade teachers not receiving the information packet are asked to call the TreeLink Hotline. With all the creative children in Washington, the 2000 contest will be great!!

## In the works (continued)

The cultivation of trees is the cultivation of the good, the beautiful, and the ennobling in man, and for one, I wish to see it become universal.

-J. Sterling Morton

**TRIVIA:** How many gallons of sugar maple sap are needed to make ONE gallon of maple syrup?

(answer is upside down below)

## Picks and Shovels

## On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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## Center for Urban Horticulture Autumn Schedule

The Center for Urban Horticulture Autumn 1999 program schedule is out, and offers a variety of events and programs. The 1999 Design Symposium: Design Dilemmas will be held on Saturday, October 23, from 9 am to 3:30 pm, and preregistration is required. The programs listed for October include Practical Tree & Shrub Management, Landscaping with Spring Bulbs (the bulb sale is scheduled for October 3, from 10am-5pm at the Graham Visitors Center), Plants & Their Names, among others. For information on these or any other events at the CUH, please visit their website at <http://depts.washington.edu/urbhort/> or call the TreeLink Hotline.

## TREEmendous Seattle Round Table Talks

TREEmendous Seattle is hosting a round table talk on "Wildlife Habitat in your Neighborhood" at the Center for Urban Horticulture on September 30, at 7pm. Kate Steinberg with the King County Department of Natural Resources will be the speaker. For additional information, please call Tom Knoblauch with TREEmendous Seattle at (206) 763-3079.

## 1999 Tree City USA Forum

The City of Sumner and the Sumner Forestry Commission are scheduled to host the 1999 Tree City USA Forum on October 27, 1999, at the Sumner City Hall. All Tree Cities are invited to participate as this is a great opportunity to meet other Tree City USA participants and learn about programs around the state! Additional information and an agenda will be sent out early in October...so keep an eye out for it!! And for those of you that are not Tree Cities yet...the four criteria include: establish a tree board or commission, write and pass a tree ordinance, document a \$2 per capita expenditure on tree-related matters, and celebrate Arbor Day. For more information, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

## PSURP Grants Available

The Puget Sound Urban Resource Partnership is announcing grants up to \$75,000 for projects that improve the urban landscape and protect water quality, as well as salmon habitat, in King County. The application deadline is September 30, 1999. PSURP will be holding a grant writing workshop on Thursday, September 16, from 11am to 2pm. For more information or for an application, please contact Sara Hatfield at (206) 296-8042 or open their website: <http://splash.metrokc.gov/partners/>.

***Planting Trees in your Community Forest.*** By Sylvan and friends. A great guide for children from 9 to 109!! This workbook, published by Penn State University, has great information about tree planting and care, as well as games and activities. For ordering information contact the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences at (814) 865-6713 or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

## September

- 18 DNR Eastern Washington Forest Owners' Field Day. Chewelah, WA. For a copy of the Field Day brochure and registration form, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE or e-mail [forest\\_stewardship@wadnr.gov](mailto:forest_stewardship@wadnr.gov). Please leave your name, address, and phone number.
- 19-22 PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference "Get to the Point!" Point Defiance Park and Tacoma Convention Center, Tacoma, WA. For more information, contact PNW-ISA at (509) 585-4285.
- 25 1999 Washington Certified Landscape Technician Test held in Spokane, WA. For more information, contact WALP at (425) 644-7642 or 1-800-833-2186.
- 27-29 Trees, People, and the Law National Conference at the Arbor Day Farm/Lied Conference Center; Nebraska City, Nebraska. For registration or more information, call 888-448-7337.

## October

- 27 Tree City USA Forum in Sumner. For more information, contact Sarah Foster at 1-800-523-8733.